— Every teacher would be required to participate in an inservice training programme of at least three weeks duration before he/she crosses an EB or is promoted to Senior Scale of Selection Scale, i.e., once is every six years; provided that where arrangements for such training cannot be made, the appointing authority may exempt a category of teachers for a specific period of time.

(b) The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has since collected the requisite data on the eligible teachers and is yet to complete the action for grant of Selection Scales.

(c) The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has intimated that due to some administrative difficulties including collection of data on the service particulars of the teachers, grant of selection scale has so far been delayed.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR INDIA'S BASIC EDUCATION PROJECTS

3415. SHRI SURESH KALMADI :
SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the international donor agencies have agreed to provide huge external assistance for India's basic education projects reflecting their increased support for these innovative schemes;

(b) if so, what are the details of these projects; and

(c) what is the extent of assistance ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) Several multilateral and bilateral funding agencies have shown interest in funding basic education projects in India.

(b) and (c) In the Bihar Education Project which has a total outlay of Rs. 360 crores for the period 1991-92 to 1995-96, UNICEF's contribution amounts to Rs. 180 crores. For the Lok Jumbish Project in Rajasthan, the total project outlay for the period 1992 to 1994 is Rs. 18 crores of which Rs. 9.00 crores has been committed by SIDA (Swedish International Development Agency). For these two projects the sharing of funds between the external agency, Government of India and the State Government is on the basis of 3:2:1 respectively. The World Bank assisted U.P. Basic Education Project envisages an outlay of Rs. 728.79 crores over a 7 years period, to be shared by the World Bank and the Government of Uttar Pradesh in the ratio of 87:13.

More recently, a new initiative called the District Primary Education Programme (DPEP), has been formulated covering 8-10 States initially. The Programme takes a holistic view of primary education development and seeks to operationalise the strategy for universalisation of elementary education (UEE) through district specific planning and disaggregated target setting. The European Community (EC) has pledged financial assistance amounting to ECUs 150 million (Rs. 585 crores) for the programme. The World Bank and the Overseas Development Administration of the United Kingdom have evinced interest in funding DPEP.

REPORT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON WOMEN PRISONERS

3416. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Commission of Inquiry on Women Prisoners has submitted its report recently;